

PGT INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION (MAIC) –WELCOME WEEK TIMETABLE SEPTEMBER 2024

(Please note this is a live document and may be subject to change.)

Date/Time	Event	Venue
Thursday 12 September		
11:00 – 14:30	<p>Central Commuter Event (optional)</p> <p>This event is aimed at new students who will be commuting to university from home, rather than living on campus or with other students. The event is designed to help you meet other commuter students, get familiar with campus and introduce you to some of the support available while you study. You will meet with other commuter students at the Atrium, University Place for a short welcome talk, some ice breaker activities and an introduction from some of the groups who support commuter students on campus. After this, there will be an optional tour of campus in small groups and then refreshments available until 2:30pm.</p>	<p>The Atrium, 1st Floor University Place</p> <p>Please sign up to this event here.</p>
Friday 13 September		
10:30 – 11.00	<p>IT & Library information presentation for new PGT students (Optional online event)</p> <p>If you are unable to join, you can check out our IT Services website and Library resource for further guidance on getting started.</p>	<p>(Live online session)</p> <p>Please join using this link: https://zoom.us/j/96623089742</p>
Monday 16 September		
12:00 – 14:00	<p>SALC Commuter Event (optional)</p> <p>Join us for the SALC Welcome Week Commuter Students Event! Connect with fellow students from your area through our Neighbourhood Color-Coding and Networking Zones. Participate in a fun Neighbourhood Trivia Competition with prizes and learn essential commuting tips tailored for Manchester. Plus, get familiar with the Sam Alex Building on a quick tour. Don't miss</p>	<p>The Nest, Students' Union</p> <p>Make sure to use this sign up link to reserve your spot.</p>

	<p>this chance to make new connections and enhance your commuter experience!</p> <p>Refreshments will be served.</p>	
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Welcome to MAIC In this session the Programme Director will welcome new and returning students to the MA in Intercultural Communication and provide an overview of what to expect from the programme over the academic year. The presentation will also provide advice on optional courses and introduce students to key university support services.</p>	Simon Building - Theatre D
From 15:00	Staff Introduction videos	Videos will be available on the Intercultural Communication Common Room Blackboard site from 15.00 on Monday 16 September to watch at any time.
17:30 – 19:00	<p>PGT Welcome Reception (Optional Event) Join us in the Whitworth Hall for a wine reception and nibbles (soft drinks also available)</p>	<p>Whitworth Hall</p> <p>To confirm your attendance at this event, please use this sign up link.</p>
Tuesday 17 September		
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Transitions and Expectations: Studying for an MA This session is offered to all students on the MA Translation and Interpreting Studies and MA Intercultural Communication. Regardless of whether you have already completed studies in the British higher education system, the session will provide practical advice on what to expect from MA level study, how to get into good study habits and make the most of the learning opportunities at the University of Manchester.</p>	Samuel Alexander Building – Samuel Alexander Theatre
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Introduction to the Academic Success programme, University Centre for Academic English Learn about the workshops and support offered by the UCAE's Academic Success Programme to help you to improve your academic English proficiency and boost your confidence in writing and speaking.</p>	Samuel Alexander Building – Samuel Alexander Theatre
Wednesday 18 September		

12:00 – 15:00	<p>SALC Wellbeing plant pot painting session (Optional wellbeing event)</p> <p>Join the Information, Advice and Guidance team for a plant pot painting session as part of Wellfest! Spend the afternoon decorating and creating whilst having the chance to meet other students during Welcome Week.</p>	<p>SALC Student Support Hub</p> <p>Spaces are limited, so make sure you use this sign-up sheet to reserve your spot!</p>
13:30 – 14:30	<p>LEAP Taster Session: Polish (optional)</p> <p>Come along for a taster session and to learn more about studying a language alongside your programme.</p>	Williamson 4.04
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Academic Skills: Close reading activity</p> <p>This session is designed to support students in developing effective reading habits at the start of MA level study. The session will focus on the first chapter of a key introduction to research methods in intercultural communication, edited by Zhu Hua:</p> <p>Zhu, Hua (2016) 'Identifying Research Paradigms', in Zhu Hua (ed.) Research Methods in Intercultural Communication: A Practical Guide, Malden MA, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell (pp. 3- 22). Students will have access to this text through the University of Manchester library portal and will receive further guidance on what to do in advance of this session by email at the start of welcome week.</p>	Simon Building - Theatre D
14:30 – 15:30	<p>LEAP Taster Session: Turkish (optional)</p> <p>Come along for a taster session and to learn more about studying a language alongside your programme.</p>	University Place 4.210
17:00 – 18:00	<p>Social Event for MATIS & MAIC students</p> <p>This event is an opportunity for students and staff to meet each other in a relaxed and informal environment. Light refreshments will be provided.</p>	Lime Cafe, Samuel Alexander Building
Thursday 19 September		
14:00 – 15:00	<p>LEAP Taster Session: Russian (optional)</p> <p>Come along for a taster session and to learn more about studying a language alongside your programme.</p>	University Place 6.212

14:30 – 15:30	LEAP Taster Session: Persian (optional) Come along for a taster session and to learn more about studying a language alongside your programme.	University Place 6.210
Friday 20 September		
09:00 – 17:00 1hr slots between these times.	Group academic advising Students will be allocated to one group advising session during which they will be introduced to their academic advisor, find out what the role of the advisor is and how to contact their advisor over the course of the semester. The session will also be an opportunity for students to meet fellow students from the programme and ask questions in advance of the start of teaching.	Samuel Alexander Building – Various A Rooms
11:00 – 12:30	Anxiety facilitation workshop: Hosted by AnxietyUK (Optional wellbeing event) In this online workshop hosted by AnxietyUK, you will learn more about the causes of anxiety and stress and how the mind and body react to them. This session will offer practical advice on how to recognise and manage the symptoms of anxiety and stress whilst working towards your degree. Don't miss this chance to gain valuable skills and connect with others.	Spaces for this workshop are limited, so please use this sign-up sheet to reserve your spot. This event will not be recorded. Note: Please sign-up using your UoM email address and a link to the workshop session will be sent to you via email.
13:00 – 14:00	Meet the SALC Graduates (Optional Event) Tune in to have the chance to hear from graduates from the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures about their own Welcome Week experiences and how these first few days of university helped them to prepare for their careers. A recording of this event will be made available for you to view if you are unable to attend.	Optional Online event Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/99530014105 Meeting ID: 995 3001 4105
14:00 – 16:00	PGT International Welcome Event (Optional Event)	Christie's

	<p>Come and join us for afternoon tea and an opportunity to hear from some of the key services available to support you during your time at Manchester!</p> <p>FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY</p>	<p>Sign up here</p>
<p>This online asynchronous activity can be completed at any time to best suit your schedule.</p>	<p>SALC Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training (online asynchronous)</p> <p>Please use this time to complete the two modules in this online EDI course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Sexual Consent' • 'Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Me' 	<p>You can access the course in Blackboard (Bb) under 'Organisations'.</p> <p>How to access University IT systems</p>
Wednesday 25 September		
<p>10:00 – 12:00</p>	<p>SALC Book Swap (Optional wellbeing event)</p> <p>Meet the Information, Advice and Guidance team in the SALC Student Support Hub to find some new books that may help with your studies or donate any books from your previous years study for new students to use.</p>	<p>SALC Student Support Hub (Samuel Alexander Building lower ground floor next to Lime Café)</p>
<p>14:00 – 16:00</p>	<p>Academic Skills: Preparing for your first Assessments.</p> <p>Aims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To encourage students to reflect critically about the reasons why referencing other people's work is so important in academic writing 2. To help students recognise when they need to reference other people's work 3. To help students learn how to reference other people's work in accordance with the CTIS assessment formatting requirements 4. To help students better understand the risk of plagiarism and effective strategies for avoiding it 	<p>Ellen Wilkinson_A2.6</p>
Thursday 26 September		
<p>9:30 – 13:30</p>	<p>Student Support and Wellbeing Drop-in (optional)</p> <p>An opportunity to meet members of the SALC SSW team and find out about university support services and how the team can help you if you are struggling during your time at university.</p>	<p>SALC Student Support Hub (Samuel Alexander Building lower ground floor next to Lime Café)</p>

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14:00 – 16:30	<p>PGT Student Support & Development Showcase (Optional Event) Learn about the Student Support and Development opportunities available to you as a UoM student, including introductions from the Wellbeing team, Careers Service, Stellify and Volunteering teams.</p> <p>You'll find out how to make the most of your University experience through social responsibility and employability enhancing activities and network with like-minded individuals.</p> <p>Refreshments will be served.</p> <p>Please sign-up for this event via the link.</p>	<p>Roscoe Theatre B and Foyer</p> <p>Sign Up here</p>
Monday 16 September – Friday 6 October		
09:00- 17:00	<p>SALC World Map (Optional wellbeing event) Head over to the SALC Student Support Hub and be part of our SALC World Map! Add a pin to show where you are from and be part of our Welcome Week Cultures and Community project.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Random acts of Kindness/ Mindful affirmations (Optional wellbeing event) Drop by the SALC Student Support Hub throughout Welcome Week to pick a wellbeing affirmation.</p>	<p>SALC Student Support Hub (Samuel Alexander Building lower ground floor next to Lime Café)</p>

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Important Extras

Ask an Ambassador!

Every morning during Welcome Week at 9:30am until 10:30am, we will be hosting an online 'Ask an Ambassador' session where you can ask our student ambassadors general questions about life at UoM. You can join the meeting here: <https://zoom.us/j/91635075052> and send in your questions in the Zoom chat.

We will try and answer as many questions as possible but if we don't know the answers, we will do our best to point you in the right direction.

This session may be particularly helpful to any students who, for whatever reason, are unable to make it to Manchester for Welcome Week.



SALC Essentials is a series of online courses covering Health & Safety, Academic Malpractice Awareness and Wellbeing & Diversity. These mandatory courses form part of your induction. You need to ensure you complete these courses before Friday 25 October 2024. You can find these courses in your [Blackboard homepage](#). Please note that you can only access these courses once you are fully registered (you can register online [here](#)).

COURSE UNIT SELECTION | DROP-IN SESSIONS

Course Unit Selection 'Drop-ins' will be held Monday to Friday from 16 September to 4 October at the Student Hub (next to the Lime Café on the lower ground floor of the Samuel Alexander Building). If you have any questions about course unit selection, drop-in and talk to the team. For more information on course unit selection, please visit: <https://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/study-support/course-unit-selection/>

SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE

The [Stellify Award](#) is a prestigious extra-curricular award that you can earn throughout your time at Manchester. You'll develop new skills, enhance your employability and make a valuable contribution to the world around you. Upon completion of the award, you will receive a certificate and your [Higher Education Achievement Report \(HEAR\)](#) will be updated to reflect your extra-curricular achievements.

Forming the core of the Stellify Award are the [Ethical Grand Challenges](#). These interactive challenges allow you to explore the biggest global challenges - Sustainability (Yr 1), Social Justice (Year 2) and Workplace Ethics (Year 3+).

You will be automatically enrolled in the Sustainability Challenge. Find the Sustainability Challenge in the "My Communities" section of [Blackboard](#) (if you can't see the challenge, contact egc@manchester.ac.uk to request access).

GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

[Campus map](#)

[Interactive campus map](#)